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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act request, reference: HNZ3042 – Costs of building a marae on the North Shore Hospital site

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 17 August seeking information from Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand Waitematā about the costs of building a marae.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services. Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing health districts in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

What has been the total cost-to-date of building the marae on the lakefront at North Shore Hospital?

As at 17 August, the total cost-to-date relating to the building of a marae on the North Shore Hospital site is \$1,168,572.41.

It is an important development for us as a dedicated Māori cultural area, including a wharenuī, has recently been lost in the main hospital due to expansion of clinical services. This project will replace this lost area and complement existing learning and development spaces across the campus.

As North Shore Hospital is currently the only public hospital in Auckland that does not have a marae, it will allow us to create a community Māori cultural area, including marae, on the North Shore Hospital campus. There is strong support for the project from the community, local iwi and our senior doctors.

Such spaces for cultural and educational uses are heavily in demand, so additional capacity and space for ongoing education for our workforce is highly desirable.

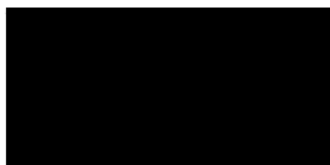
I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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